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SUBJECT: FOURTH COMMITTEE: COMMENTS ON DECEMBER 12

RHODESIAN DEBATE AND COMMITTEE VOTE

REF: A. USUN 5593; B. USUN 5622; C. USUN 5559 AND PREVIOUS

1. FOURTH COMMITTEE DECEMBER 13 DEBATE ON RHODESIA ADDED  
NOTHING NEW TO DISCUSSION OTHER THAN BENIN'S ATTACK ON WESTERN  
SC MEMBERS FOR ALLEGEDLY USING APPOINTMENT OF PREM CHAND AS A  
DIVERSION TO DELAY SC CONSIDERATION OF SANCTIONS COMMITTEE  
REPORT. WHILE REASON FOR ATTACK UNCLEAR, PURPOSES MAY HAVE BEEN  
TO DISCREDIT WESTERN INTENT IN SEEKING PREM CHAND APPOINTMENT  
AND TO CLEAR BENIN OF ANY COMPLICITY IN THAT SC DECISION.

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2. BOTSWANA STATEMENT WAS UNEVENTFUL, BUT SUPPORTIVE OF BOTH  
UK/US INITIATIVES AND POSITION OF FRONTLINE STATES.  
CONGO STATEMENT WAS NOTICEABLE FOR ITS MINIMUM OF ANTI-  
WESTERN RHETORIC.

3. UK EFFORT TO AMEND RESOLUTION ON PRICIPLES DURING AFTERNOON

OF LAST DAY OF FOURTH COMMITTEE SESSION APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN TACTICAL MISTAKE. BRITISH MET WITH TANZANIAN AMBASSADOR SALIM (CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE OF 24) DURING EARLY AFTERNOON TO PROPOSE ADDITION PREAMBULAR PARA TO RESOLUTION AS FOLLOWS: "TAKING NOTE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS FOLLOWING SC RESOLUTION 415 AND THE CURRENT INITIATIVE OF THE ADMINISTERING POWER FOR THE ACCESSION OF ZIMBABWE TO INDEPENDENCE." SALIM WAS NONCOMMITTAL, BUT TANZANIAN FLOOR REPS WERE INCENSED WHEN AMENDMENT PROPOSED. THE COMPLAINED BITTERLY THAT BRITISH HAD GONE OVER THEIR HEADS TO SALIM AND ACTIVELY OPPOSED INCLUSION OF ANY LANGUAGE WHICH DID MORE THAN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION ON APPOINTMENT OF PREM CHAND. WHILE EXACT REASONS FOR TANZANIAN REACTION UNCLEAR, TANZANIAN DISTRUST OF BRITISH WAS APPARENT. RESOLUTION WAS WUITELY DROPPED (TO THE APPARENT GLEE OF SOME PROGRESSIVES) AFTER CHAIRMAN ALLAF CAUCUSED WITH COMMITTEE MEMBERS. IN HIS EXPLANATION OF VOTE, UK REP NOTED WITH REGRET COMMITTEE'S "IRONIC" FAILURE TO TAKE NOTE OF ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSALS.

4. IRANIAN ABSTENTION ON RESOLUTION ON OIL SANCTIONS WAS SIGNIFICANT IN THAT MAJOR SUPPLIER OF OIL TO SOUTH AFRICA WAS ONLY THIRD WORLD DELEGATION TO ABSTAIN.

5. ENTIRE DEBATE CAN BE SUMMARIZED AS FOLLOWS:

A) MAJORITY OF STATES SUPPORTED CONTINUED AND CONFIDENTIAL

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INCREASED PRESSURE AGAINST RHODESIA AND SOUTH AFRICAN WHILE AT THE SAME TIME SUPPORTING ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSALS AT LEAST AS A BASIS FOR NEGOTIATIONS;

B) THERE WAS WIDESPRADE CONCERN OVER LACK OF UNITY OF ZIMBABWE'S NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENT(S).

C) NO ONE TRUSTS SMITH'S SINCERITY.

D) SOVIET BLOC OPENLY BACKED PF AND ATTEMPTED TO DISCREDIT ANGLO-AMERICAN INITIATIVES.

E) ARAB AND LATIN SUPPORT FOR BLACK AFRICAN POSITIONS SEEMED BASED MORE ON DESIRE TO MAINTAIN THIRD WORLD SOLIDARITY THAN IN ANY SPECIFIC CONCERN FOR RHODESIAN SITUATION ITSELF.

F) WHILE AMY DELEGATIONS WERE PREPARED TO GIVE LOW KEY SUPPORT TO ANGLO-AMERICAN INITIATIVES, ONLY A FEW WERE PREPARED TO OPENLY BLESS THEM.

G) PF TACTICS IN ATTACKING US ROLE IN INITIATIVES AND DECRYING OTHER LIBERAION MOVEMENTS AS PUPPETS, WERE APPARENTLY DESIGNED TO EMPHASIZE NEED FOR ARMED STRUGGLE AND DOWNGRADE POSSIBILITY OF NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT.

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